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MONITOR

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New provost coming from Iowa

The University of Iowa and Bowling Green State University have more in common than you may think.

Both have strong creative writing programs. Strategic planning committees on each campus devised five core values with uncanny similarities. And now, both can claim nationally



John Folkins
known scholar John W. Folkins until May 1, when the Iowa administrator begins his duties as provost and vice president of

academic affairs at BGSU.

President Sidney A. Ribeau announced Folkins's appointment to the post on Jan. 24.

A native of California, Folkins has served as associate provost at Iowa since 1993. From 1986-93, he was a professor and chair of the university's Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, widely regarded as one of the best departments of its kind in the nation.

"I am pleased that we have attracted an academic leader and scholar of Dr. Folkins's caliber and look forward to his joining our Bowling Green State University learning community as we continue our efforts to achieve our vision—becoming the premier learning community in Ohio and one of the best in the nation," Ribeau said.

He noted that Folkins has wide-ranging administrative experience in strategic planning, enrollment management, undergraduate education, learning technology, budgeting and facilities.

As provost, Folkins will serve

as BGSU's chief academic officer with responsibilities for the educational progress of the University, the general welfare of its faculty and for contributing to students' education inside and outside the classroom.

Folkins joined the University of Iowa faculty in 1976, rising through its ranks before entering administration. What has attracted him to BGSU, Folkins said, is Bowling Green's emphasis on student success.

"I am so impressed with the faculty, and I'm very impressed that every segment of the campus community is so dedicated to students," he said.

Folkins received his

bachelor's degree in 1970 and his master's degree in 1971 from the University of Redlands in California. He earned his doctorate in speech and hearing sciences from the University of Washington in 1976 and the following year did postdoctoral research there.

His research has been supported by nearly \$10 million in grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Deafness Research and the U.S. Department of Education, among others.

Linda Dobb will continue in the role of interim provost and vice president for academic affairs until Folkins arrives.

Forum sparks discussion on community time

The Community Time Committee has a number of new ideas to take back to the drawing board after a Jan. 25 convocation in McFall Center.

Attendees had suggestions about how a time devoted each week to building a stronger learning community through departmental, college and university-wide gatherings could be made to work for BGSU.

The idea gained substance last fall when an ad hoc committee was formed to investigate the possibility of setting aside regular meeting times during which no classes would be scheduled. After much discussion and community input via email, the working group devised a schedule grid that it has proposed be adopted for the spring of 2001.

The proposal calls for rearranging the class schedule slightly to free up the 12:30-2 p.m. block on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for establishing a guideline for types of meetings to prevent "traffic jams," said Neocles Leontis, chemistry, who is heading the committee.

Some impromptu brainstorming took place during the convocation. Vern Terwilliger, mathematics and statistics, found the Tuesday-Thursday scheme unsatisfactory because it falls during prime classroom time.

Mark Gromko, vice provost for academic affairs, shared the same concern and wondered how taking up such popular class time would affect enrollment. Ultimately, he and Terwilliger drew up a revised

proposal that they felt would be more advantageous. Leontis and Milton Hakel, Ohio eminent scholar in psychology, said after the meeting they would study the new proposal carefully.

Other faculty and administrators were excited about the possibilities a community time would hold for integration of general education courses and for cross-disciplinary events.

Leontis also said that community time would allow more time for upperclassmen to meet with faculty, attend seminars and learn about research opportunities.

Get a piece of the union at estate sale

Everything—including the kitchen sink—must go when the Student Union holds its "estate sale" tomorrow (Feb. 1) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in preparation for the expansion and renovation of the facility.

Items from dining and hotel operations will be sold, according to Cheryl Purefoy, director of materials handling. Desks, nightstands, beds and frames, televisions and more will be for sale, as well as hurricane globe lamps, tables, chairs and other items from the Pheasant Room and other eateries.

All items are being sold "as is" in the union. Employees may pay by cash, check or bursar account.

For more details, call the Office of Materials Handling at 2-2121.

PCA to recognize recipients of grants, past and future

Partnerships for Community Action and the provost will host a reception from 3-5 p.m. Feb. 7 in McFall Gallery to honor last year's support grant recipients and announce this year's recipients. Displays highlighting some of last year's partnership achievements will be presented.

These 14 faculty and staff have received funding:

- Kelly Partin, WBGU-TV, and Kristi Hannan, family and consumer sciences, to provide educational opportunities for teenage parents in northwest Ohio;
- Gordon Ricketts, Chapman Learning Community, for an arts project with a Toledo homeless shelter;
- Royce Ann Martin, aviation studies, to operate a summer youth aviation academy;
- Michael French, director of the BGSU Reading Center, for an after-school tutoring program at Pickett Elementary, a central Toledo school;
- Djisovi Eason, Springboard assistant director, and Habib Iddrisu, Chapman Learning Community, to produce a series of community workshops culminating in an African children's

festival;

- William Thompson, social work, to establish a learning center in New York's South Bronx;

- Kris Blair, English, to bring technological literacy to senior citizens in Wood County;

- Vicki Patraha, director of the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, to allow Bowling Green youth to train with theatre artist and social activist Augusto Boal;

- Lessie Cochran, intervention services and Project FEED, for a career awareness and investigation program for Toledo inner-city junior high and high school students;

- Steven Steel, environmental programs, for a Wood County butterfly festival;

- Steven Fulks, gerontology, for an oral history project with Ohio Holocaust survivors,

- Aileen Glowacki, director of external affairs for the BGSU Dance Marathon, to produce an educational series on childhood illnesses and the exploration of hospital careers.

Each project involves a community partner. The total amount awarded was \$28,000.

in brief

Library offers seminars to undergrads

Undergraduate students who are beginners at library research may take part in Libraries and Learning Resources' new "Sixty-Minute Seminars."

Sessions will be offered on developing Web-searching skills and introduction to frequently used electronic resources. The first half of each seminar will focus on demonstrations and hands-on exercises, after which students can practice searching for materials.

No reservations are needed. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. A certificate of attendance will be given to participants.

The seminars will be offered through Feb. 18 in the Jerome Library Electronic Reading Room (Room 125). A listing of sessions by date and topic is available at <http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/infosrv/lue/seminars/60mins.html>.

For more information, contact Cathi Cardwell either at 2-7903 or cardcat@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

'Women on Weights' class available

Recreational sports is offering a class for women to learn the basics of weight training. "Women on Weights" will be held Feb. 9, 23 and March 1 from noon-1 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center weight room.

The cost of the series is \$20. To register, call the recreation center at 2-2711 or sign up at the center's main office.

Call issued for grant proposals

The Faculty Development Committee will accept proposals for Instructional Improvement Grants until Feb. 11. Grants of up to \$1,000 are awarded for projects that lead to demonstrable improvement in pedagogical skills and positively affect student learning.

Copies of the guidelines are available at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/provost/facdev/grants.html> or by calling the provost's office at 2-9939.

job postings

FACULTY

College of Technology. Dean, tenured. Call Carol Engler, 2-2915. Deadline: Feb. 23.

Firelands/Applied Sciences. Assistant professor, tenure track. Call William Balzer, 2-0623. Deadline: March 8.

Communication Studies. Director/full professor, tenured. Call Melissa Spirek, 2-8641. Deadline: March 29.

Contact human resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED

Posting deadline for employees to apply is Friday (Feb. 4).

Employment Service Representative (C-24-Va)—Career Services. Pay grade 8.

Housekeeping Manager 1 (C-24-Va)—Facilities Services. Pay grade 5.

Student Services Counselor (C-22-Ka)—Enrollment Services—Firelands. Part-time position. Pay grade 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Director (M-121)—Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives. Administrative grade level 18. Deadline: Feb. 7.

Assistant Director (M-122)—Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives and Pre-College Enrichment Program. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 7.

Micrographics Specialist (M-

124)—Center for Archival Collections. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 7.

Academic Adviser (M-007)—College of Arts and Sciences. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 11.

Director (M-110)—Sponsored Programs and Research—Graduate College. Review of applications will begin Feb. 11 and continue until the position is filled.

Manager of Employee Relations (M-103)—Human Resources. Administrative grade level 16. Deadline: Feb. 18.

Head women's soccer coach (M-008)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Deadline: Feb. 18.

Coordinator of Greek Affairs (M-003)—Residence Life. Administrative grade level 13. Deadline: Feb. 21.

Instructional Designer/Coordinator for Computer Technologies (M-005)—Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology. Administrative grade level 14. Deadline: Feb. 28.

Assistant Director (M-122)—Career Services. Administrative grade level 15. Deadline: March 3.

Director of Major Gifts (M-097)—Development (re-advertised). Administrative grade level 18. Review of applications will begin March 3 and continue until the position is filled.

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campus calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Affirmative action workshop, "Promoting Positive Race Relations: An Interactive Workshop," 9:30-11 a.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library. Preregistration is not necessary.

Faculty Senate, 2:30 p.m., McFall Center Assembly Room.

Arts and Sciences dean candidate forum, William Frawley, University of Delaware, 3:15-4 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

Economics Colloquium Series, "Burnout and Chronic Fatigue in the Professions: The Iron Law of Salaries," by Alan Haight, economics, 4:30-6 p.m., 1001 Business Administration Building.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Black History Month event/Brown Bag Luncheon, "Sisterhood in Practice: African-American Sororities," 107 Hanna Hall.

Faculty Artist Series: Daniel Lippel, guitar, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3 p.m., Pallister Conference Room, Jerome Library.

International Film Series, "Memorias del Subdesarrollo (Memories of Underdevelopment)," a 1968 Cuban film directed by Tomás Gutiérrez Alea, 8:15 p.m., Gish Film Theater.

Friday, Feb. 4

Black History Month event/Provost's Lecture Series, "The Art of Whiteness: Giuliani, the Brooklyn Museum and Racial Politics," by David Roediger of the University of Minnesota, 4-5:15 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Black History Month event, African art presentation and display, 7:30 p.m., Olscamp Hall.

Bowling Green Philharmonia/Black History Month event, including the annual concerto concert and a musical work set to words of Martin Luther King Jr. Larry Whatley, Toledo TV weatherman, will speak, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Saturday, Feb. 5

CTLT workshop, "Introduction to WebCT," 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Hayes Hall. Breakfast and lunch provided. To register, call 2-6898.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Faculty Artist Series: Robert Satterlee, piano, 3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, Feb. 7

Partnerships for Community Action reception, 3-5 p.m., McFall Center Gallery.

Continuing events

Feb. 7-11

Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 7, Feb. 9 and Feb. 11, 101 Olscamp Hall; Feb. 8 and Feb. 10, Saddlemire Student Services Building Forum. To make an appointment, email vincech@bgnet.bgsu.edu by Friday (Feb. 4).

NOTE: For expanded calendar and "in brief" listings, click on "Monitor" on the BGSU faculty/staff home page.